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TO FAA BRUSSELS  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR BA  
SUBJECT: U S TRSB/MLS DEMONSTRATION AT SHIRAZ

REF: FAA BRUSSELS 906

1. GOB ASST UNDERSECY FOR CIVIL AVIATION HAS ADVISED  
EMBASSY THAT DUE TO SHORTAGE OF TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED  
STAFF DURING MONTH OF MARCH, HIS DEPARTMENT WILL NOT  
RPT NOT BE REPRESENTED AT TRSB DEMONSTRATION IN SHIRAZ.

2. GOB CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ARE OBVIOUSLY  
UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION OF  
TWO MAJOR FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS OVER MLS SYSTEMS.  
WHEN FIRST ASKED THE UNDER-SECRETARY SAID HE BELIEVED  
HIS CHIEF CONTROLLER WAS ATTENDING BUT UNDERSTOOD THE  
DEMONSTRATION TO BE IN FEBRUARY. THE CHIEF CONTROLLER  
(BRITISH) TELEPHONED LATER TO STATE THAT HE WAS  
SENDING A REP TO A BRITISH DEMONSTRATION IN SHIRAZ  
BUT HAD NOT SEEN OUR LETTER OF INVITATION. ON A  
FOLLOW-UP CALL THE UNDERSECRETARY SAID THEY COULD  
NOT ATTEND OUR DEMONSTRATION AND HASITILY ADDED  
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THAT GOB WOULD NOT ATTEND BRITISH DEMONSTRATION  
EITHER. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT GOB DID NOT AT  
PRESENT PLAN TO ATTEND ICAO MEETING IN MONTREAL ON  
THIS SUBJECT.

3. EMBASSY WOULD SUSPECT THAT WITH THIS TYPE OF  
DIRECT COMPETITION BETWEEN U.S. AND U.K., GOB WILL

KEEP OUT OF THE PICTURE UNTIL MLS SYSTEM DECISION IS  
MADE IN ICAO. SHOULD GOB BE FORCED INTO TAKING SIDES,  
THE UNDERSECRETARY WOULD TRY TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND  
AND REACH DECISION ON TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC GROUNDS.  
HOWEVER, FACT THAT ALL HIS TECHNICAL STAFF IS  
BRITISH AND PROVIDED BY AIRPORT MANAGEMENT SUBSIDIARY  
OF BRITISH AIRWAYS IS LIKELY TO WEIGH HEAVILY AGAINST  
U.S./AUSTRALIAN TRSB SYSTEM.  
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